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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Why I Left FREEMASONRY

By Charles G. Finney, D.D.

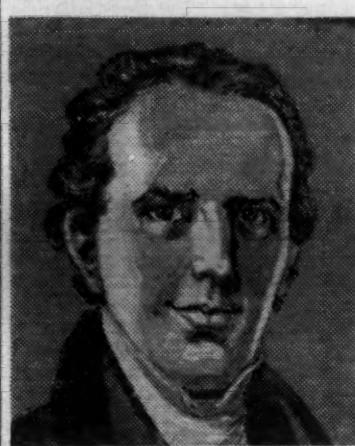
When I was converted to Christ I had belonged to the Masonic Lodge in Adams, New York, about four years. During the struggle of conviction of sin through which I passed, I do not recollect that the question of Freemasonry ever occurred to my mind.

New Views of Lodgism

But soon after my conversion, the evening came for attendance upon the Lodge, and I went. They, of course, were aware that I had become a Christian, and the Master called upon me to open the Lodge with prayer. I did so, and poured out my heart to the Lord for blessings upon the Lodge. I observed that it created considerable excitement. The evening passed away, and at the close of the Lodge I was asked to pray again. I did so, and retired much depressed in spirit. I soon found that I was completely converted from Freemasonry to Christ, and that I could have no fellowship with any of the proceedings of the Lodge. Its oaths appeared to me to be monstrously profane and barbarous.

At that time I did not know how much I had been imposed upon by

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Dr. Charles G. Finney

A Supper Invitation

By Evangelist John R. Rice

"And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready."—Luke 14:15-17.

Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God! cried one man who heard Jesus teach. Jesus had just given the blessed promise that when one made a feast for the poor and maimed and halt and blind "thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just." The man was right; Jesus gave us a right to think that we will eat bread in the kingdom of God and that delightful banquets will repay all those who have succored others in this world.

As Jesus sat down to that preliminary passover meal with the disciples just before He was crucified, He said, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat there of, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God" (Luke 22:15, 16).

And again the same night Jesus said, "But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matt. 26:29).

The dear Lord Jesus looked forward to the time when He would sit down with His disciples, and all of us who love Him, and drink fruit juice at the banquets in Heaven!

In the heavenly city, we are told, there is the tree of life "which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations" (Rev 22:2). Twelve kinds of fruit from one tree! And even in the leaves of the trees, there will be all the medicine we will need to keep us forever young and forever well in the golden land of everlasting life where Jesus will receive us and where we will eat and drink!

The dear Saviour in His resurrection body ate fish and an honeycomb. Then resurrection bodies with flesh and bones will be made to eat and drink. We will eat and drink in the kingdom of

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). We watch as God moves out upon His creation to prepare it for what He has in mind, and we hear God speak, "Let us make man in our image," and lo, in spotless beauty, the first man steps forth from the hand of his Creator.

Again God speaks, "It is not good that the man should be alone." God said those words, but tens of thousands of men have agreed with God through the ages. "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make a help meet for him"—not a "help-eat" but a help meet, a suitable companion, an answering mate. The lion could roar and his mate would answer; the dog, the cat, the pig, the chicken could call and his mate would answer. But for Adam there was nothing but the empty echo of his own voice.

God said that was not best, that Adam must also have a suitable companion.

But might there be among the animal creation a suitable companion? God will let Adam decide.

We can see Adam as he takes his stand on a little knoll and names

the animals as they pass by.

When the last animal had passed, it was evident that Adam had not found a companion that would answer to his heart. So God put Adam into a deep sleep, took a rib, made a woman, brought her to the man, and God Himself performed the first wedding ceremony. The decree went forth, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matt. 19:6).

The home that God ordained is the nearest thing to Heaven on earth. We wish to speak to you on The Woman in the Home, Order in the Home, Starting a New Home, Enemies of the Home, and Fruit of the Home.

I. The Woman in the Home

Paul mentions four things about the woman in the home. "I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully" (I Tim. 5:14).

The Younger Women Marry

It is perfectly natural, right, and proper that young people look forward to a home of their own.

But it is a very critical time, and a mistake here may mean a ruined life. Therefore marriage should be entered into with extreme caution.

There are three avenues of approach to the marriage relation. First, the spiritual; second, the mental; third, the physical.

1. The Spiritual

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (II Cor. 6:14). A Christian should never marry an unbeliever.

2. Mental

They should have the same interests as much as possible. Hus-

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Rev. R. L. Humberd

Should I Send the SWORD to Others?

Questions Answered About Sending THE SWORD OF THE LORD to the Unsaved and to Young Christians

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

As Assistant Editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD I receive a great deal of mail from our subscribers. I see most of the letters of criticism about the paper and so am aware of the problems which face some. Of course, some people cannot be helped to an understanding of what THE SWORD is doing but many others have come to understand why we do things as we do them.

Here are several questions and the answers which I give to those who write.

Question: Isn't THE SWORD too direct and offensive about matters of sin, Hell and judgment? A man told me one day that he had

had THE SWORD OF THE LORD discontinued because he was embarrassed to have it coming to his mailbox. He said that several issues of the paper had used the word "Hell" in bold type in the headlines and he was afraid that unsaved people in his house would be offended to see it.

Answer: Of course it is true that THE SWORD OF THE LORD is very direct and straightforward. We do not try to sneak up behind people with the Gospel, but rather believe that the straightforward honest

approach is the best in the long run. We believe that Bible language cannot be improved upon and when Jesus spoke plainly of Hell and judgment we ought to do the same. The same kind of a person that has trouble about this direct approach in THE SWORD OF THE LORD would also have trouble listening to Jesus preach. He called the religious leaders of His day "whited sepulchres" and spoke a great deal more about Hell than He did about Heaven. The wonderful results that we have seen here at the Sword in the number of souls saved each year is ample proof that God blesses this direct, straightforward and biblical approach.

Question: Aren't Roman Catholics and those in false cults offended by some of the things THE SWORD says about them?

Answer: It is true that in THE SWORD OF THE LORD occasionally we go into the clear Bible teaching about what is wrong with Roman Catholicism, the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Seventh-Day Adventists and others. Though we attack the false teaching of these groups yet

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Christmas Gift Savings

Buy Four Books for Price of Three

Many will give life-changing Sword books as Christmas gifts to relatives and friends. To encourage you in using these books as Christmas presents, we make the following Christmas gift savings offer.

Buy three copies of *Prayer—Asking and Receiving* by John R. Rice at \$3.00 each and get one free—four copies of this great world's best seller on prayer, for only \$9.00.

Buy three copies of *The Home: Courtship, Marriage and Children*, regular price \$3.00 each, get an extra copy free. Four copies of this famous book, a Bible manual on the home, 381 pages, for only \$9.00.

Buy three copies of *The Ruin of a Christian* at the regular price of \$2.50 each, get an extra copy free—four copies for \$7.50.

The same plan is good for every clothbound book published by the Sword of the Lord. Thus you could buy several copies of any one book for Christmas presents at a great saving.

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Be sure to add 5c on the dollar for postage and packing.

RUSH YOUR ORDERS! We cannot guarantee you will get the books on time unless the order is in our hands so we can mail the books out not later than December 11.

Address: The Sword of the Lord, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

1. First of All, the Heavenly Banquet Is Already Provided, Already Prepared, and Thus Free, Without Price

The banquet is already ready!
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It is Tuesday, November 14, and I am home again for two days. We had blessed five days with the Conservative Baptists of Alabama, particularly with the Grace Baptist Church in Decatur, Alabama. Five days, Wednesday through Sunday, Nov. 8-12, Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., and I were very busy. There were visitors from Tennessee and Mississippi as well as from Alabama. I rejoiced in the fellowship with Dr. Willard G. Stalcup, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, and with other faithful pastors in the area who co-operated in the services, brought their people, had us on their radio programs, and otherwise helped to make the conference a tremendous blessing. Sunday morning some seventeen people came forward in the Grace Baptist Church, some saved, some coming for rededication.

Tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, I drive to Kankakee, Illinois. There Wednesday night and Thursday and all day Thursday and Friday, we will have a Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning. Dr. Jack Hyles of Hammond, Indiana, and Rev. Walt Handford, assistant editor, and I will be speaking.

Help Dr. Bill Rice Win Deaf People and Train Soul-Winning Workers

My brother Dr. Bill Rice, of the Bill Rice Ranch, Franklin Road, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, a few years back founded the Cumberland Christian Retreat. He set aside some forty acres on the ranch of thirteen hundred acres, set up a nonprofit foundation which now owns that conference ground, and set out to build a great conference ground where people from all over America could come and hear the Gospel, and particularly where deaf young people could be taught the Word of God. His older daughter Betty is deaf, and a great burden is laid on his heart to reach deaf people with the Gospel.

This last summer, in two weeks of conferences for deaf people, where hundreds of deaf people came without cost from many states, about one hundred of them found Christ as Saviour. Bill has a fine staff of people whom he and his wife Catherine have trained in the sign language, and they have developed methods of teaching so that deaf people can hear the Word of God.

I understand there are more deaf people in the United States than there are Negroes in the Congo region in Africa, and nearly as

many deaf people in the United States as the population of Canada. And very few people make any effort to win these deaf people to Christ.

Churches all over America want someone who can speak the sign language and who knows the methods of reaching deaf people with the Gospel.

Dr. Bill and other directors of the Cumberland Christian Retreat have decided we ought to have a school to train people in soul winning and particularly in the sign language, in principal Bible doctrines, and other things necessary in winning deaf people. Dr. Bill hopes next spring to open this Bible college for training deaf people and workers among the deaf. We must prepare for it as soon as possible. A railroad company has given a large steel building. It is dismantled, delivered to the ranch and ready to be put up. But it will take concrete foundation, installation of plumbing and lights, furniture and much finishing work to make the building, with auditorium, small dining room, kitchen, classrooms and dormitory, ready for use.

Remember that the Cumberland Christian Retreat on the Bill Rice Ranch is a non-profit corporation. The forty acres, the beautiful modern dining hall and kitchen, the tabernacle, the two motels with a total of thirty rooms, the thirteen two-room cabins, the two honeymoon hotels, the man-made lake, etc., are all owned, without mortgage, by the Cumberland Christian Retreat.

On the Board helping Dr. Bill and Mrs. Bill Rice with this conference ground are Dr. Lee Roberson of Chattanooga; Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University; businessman Ed Whitley of Wilson, North Carolina; businessman E. E. Widner of Dallas, Texas, and this editor, John R. Rice. We earnestly plead for your prayers and the help of God's people in putting up the building, paying for the improvements recently completed, so we can open this Bible College to train workers with the deaf in the spring.

I am sending my check today for a hundred dollars, and I beg that many others will give as liberally as you can now. Dr. Bill and Trustees Whitley and Widner have each given thousands of dollars already. Address Dr. Bill Rice, Bill Rice Ranch, Franklin Road, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. You will get a receipt, your gift is nontaxable, so recognized by the government, and it is a missionary work pure and simple, conducted most sacrificially by Dr. Bill, his wife and helpers, and with the constant approval and glad co-operation of us who are on the Board.

For every gift of several dollars I think Dr. Bill will send you a year's subscription to his wonderful little monthly paper with a cowboy flavor, *The Branding Iron*. By all means renew your own subscription now while you can get free the big book, *The Golden Path to Successful Personal Soul Winning*, with two yearly subscriptions for \$5.00; with three yearly subscriptions, \$7.00; with five yearly subscriptions, \$10.00; or with ten yearly subscriptions, \$20.00.

These Books Make Wonderful Christmas Presents

Last week at Decatur, Alabama,

THE SWORD OF THE LORD

INCIDENTS and Illustrations

By
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

Extremists

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, in a release from Scarborough, England, issued a warning to women which some would probably consider rather extreme. Chemist J. L. Howlett told a conference of the society: "Tests on female clerical staff wearing nylon underwear and leather shoes revealed charges of 600 volts after walking 25 yards." Thus, by wearing nylon underwear, women can cause explosions or fires. Howlett suggested that women working in dangerous places wear "conducting footwear," that is, shoes which would dissipate the electricity.

Though this may seem like extreme advice, the static electricity produces sparks when the women touch metal or another person and hence there is the possibility of explosion or fire. If the woman happens to be working in a dangerous place, no safeguard could really be considered extreme.

It is the same with the Christian in his daily life. Some would call the apostle's advice to the Thessalonians extreme when he said, "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5:22). However, the smallest sin can sometimes produce the direst consequences, and many a life has been blighted by some seemingly innocent thing.

When it comes to sin, it is not possible to be too extreme! "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

Hollywood Hero

Gene Autry, the hero of millions of American boys because of his exploits on the silver screen in the role of a cowboy singer, was arrested again the other day in North Hollywood on a drunk driving charge. He met the bail of \$263 and was released. Autry was arrested when he failed to pass a sobriety test after being stopped by an off-duty highway patrolman.

By all means renew your own subscription now while you can get free the big book, *The Golden Path to Successful Personal Soul Winning*, with two yearly subscriptions for \$5.00; with three yearly subscriptions, \$7.00; with five yearly subscriptions, \$10.00; or with ten yearly subscriptions, \$20.00.

Pastors, Now Is the Time to Sow Your Church Membership Down With THE SWORD

How much trouble pastors and churches would be saved if the people were indoctrinated, if they were taught regularly the Word of God on such matters as soul winning, the power of the Holy Spirit, the family altar, the Christian home life, the proper correction and discipline of children, and if they were warned about modernism, false doctrine. Many, many pastors have proved that if THE SWORD OF THE LORD can go to all the resident families in the church, it will solve many of the problems. The giving will be much more liberal, the burden for souls will be more, the co-operation in church visitation will be better. Then the people will not be upset when the pastor preaches against sin and against modernism.

During the present subscription campaign you may get ten or more subscriptions at only \$2.00 a year and still get the big book, *The Golden Path to Successful Personal Soul Winning*, absolutely free. Pastor, you need this book. If you will simply show THE SWORD OF THE LORD to your people on Sunday morning and take three or four minutes to call attention to the sermons and the features, urge people to subscribe and then pass out envelopes, have the people put their name and address down and \$2.00 in the envelope and hand it in then and there, you can soon get the best families in your church taking THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and you, for your trouble, get free

this big new book on soul winning by the editor. Don't let this opportunity slip!

Send THE SWORD OF THE LORD for Christmas

Where could you find as fine a Christmas gift for only \$2.00! If you send ten or more subscriptions at the same time, you may have all ten for only \$20.00 and then get free, for yourself or as an extra gift, the big \$3.00 book, *The Golden Path to Successful Personal Soul Winning* by Editor John R. Rice. Even if you only send two or three subscriptions, paying slightly more per subscription, it will be good. By all means use Christmas as a time to get out the Gospel, a time to bless the hearts of Christians, a time to honor the Lord. You know at Jerusalem where Jesus was born "there was no room for them in the inn." Do not have a Christmas without Christ! Let your Christmas gifts honor Him and bless those who receive the gifts. Send in your subscriptions today. If you mark them "Christmas gift" we will send a nice card announcing your gift.

Dr. L. C. Stuart of Tempe, Arizona, Coming as the Editor's Assistant Evangelist

My heart is greatly lifted up and I feel that in mercy He has heard my prayer for a gifted, energetic assistant evangelist who can hold revivals and can help me by setting up city-wide campaigns and conferences, a Spirit-filled soul winner who can lead and help pastors. Dr. L. C. Stuart, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tempe, Arizona, is now coming to help me and I rejoice!

pounds of water . . . 6,800 pounds of oxygen . . . 5,200 pounds of carbon . . . 1,900 pounds of carbon dioxide . . . 160 pounds of nitrogen . . . 125 pounds of potassium . . . 40 pounds of phosphorus . . . 75 pounds of yellow sulphur . . . 50 pounds of magnesium . . . 50 pounds of calcium . . . two pounds of iron . . . and smaller amounts of iodine, zinc, copper, and other things.

"Man contributes the labor."

It is no wonder, in the light of the above, that the Bible says "... the plowing of the wicked, is sin" (Prov. 21:4). It is sinful for a man to take God's blessings, then reject God's Son. The amazing thing is that so many men can have the "big man, little God" attitude and say, "I don't owe God anything!" Actually, you owe God everything!

Hollywood Religion

Someone recently sent me a couple of newspaper advertisements for the Hollywood film, "Rachel Cade." Both of the ads had the big question at the top, "How could it happen to Rachel Cade?"

One of them asked the further question, "How could she explain —she, a missionary from Kansas . . . how could she explain her baby?"

The other advertisement, larger than the first, explained, "When you looked at Rachel Cade the last thing you thought of was a missionary—and yet she was—until one man's arms turned her life inside out . . ."

One picture showed a man looking at a beautiful girl and saying, "You're a bit over-stimulating for your kind of work, Rachel Cade . . ." Another picture showed another woman looking at the same beautiful girl and saying, "You can't conceal your natural endowments and you can't stop men from . . . thinking!" A third picture showed a man—the same one in the first picture—with his hand on the same beautiful girl's shoulder, bending over, and saying, "What you call sin, we call life. What you call bad, we call good!"

One cannot help but wonder: Doesn't Hollywood have any regard for that which is holy and that which is pure? The answer, obviously, is "NO!"

How can a friend of God be a friend of Hollywood?

He cannot! He must not!

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Thru December 3:
Trinity Baptist Church
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December 5-17:
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701 West Green Street
Winter, Iowa

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assistant evangelist who can hold revivals and can help me by setting up city-wide campaigns and conferences, a Spirit-filled soul winner who can lead and help pastors. Dr. L. C. Stuart, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tempe, Arizona, is now coming to help me and I rejoice!

Dr. Stuart has an earned doctorate from the University of Arizona, has taught there, has college and seminary training, and yet he is a fervent fundamentalist, an out-and-out soul winner, a beloved and trusted friend of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. He is gifted, magnetic, daring in faith, devoted in life, and with a marvelous family.

Here is an opportunity for churches and pastors who want revival campaigns. Part of Brother Stuart's time will be given regularly to revival campaigns. He is an evangelistic preacher, a gifted and proven evangelist, with unusual success as a soul-winning pastor, a man in his early forties. Inquiries may be sent to Dr. L. C. Stuart, Sword of the Lord, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois, if you like, or to Dr. L. C. Stuart, Calvary Baptist Church, 2066 Don Carlos Drive, Tempe, Arizona, for the present. I will be deeply grateful if the brethren find they can use this man soon as we help launch him into work as my personal assistant and fellow evangelist for the Sword of the Lord.

—The End—

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Probable Sons

By Amy Le Faivre

A touching story, written nearly one hundred years ago, about how a rich English nobleman was turned to Christ by his little niece who came, unwanted, to live with him.

The Story Thus Far:

After her mother died little Millicent was sent to live with her wealthy, unmarried uncle, Sir Edward Wentworth. Milly's love for the Bible story of the "probable son" has moved the conscience of her uncle. She has become fast friends with Mrs. Maxwell, wife of Sir Edward's gamekeeper, and is praying that her wayward son, Tommy, will soon return home. Her concern for prodigals has touched Sir Edward's heart. During an afternoon ride Sir Edward's horse bolted and overturned the carriage, injuring Wentworth severely. While he recuperated, Milly brought him a picture which she had purchased. At first a bit offended by the gift which depicted the return of the prodigal, Sir Edward later reflected upon his own waywardness.

Chapter 7

Cross-Examination

"Nurse, where is Miss Millicent? I haven't seen her for days. Get her in here this afternoon, and you go and get a little fresh air; I am well enough to be left alone now."

Sir Edward's tone was impatient. He was getting to the convalescent stage, and nurse found him a most trying patient. Nothing would please him, and he wearied both himself and her with his perpetual complaints.

"I thought she would only worry you, sir. She has been asking me every day to come in and see you. I will bring her at once."

Milly shortly appeared in a clean pinafore, her little face radiant with smiles. As she climbed up into the chair by the bedside and gently stroked the hand that was given her, she said with sparkling eyes,

"Nurse says I may stay here all alone with you, uncle; won't that be lovely? May I give you your medicines, and be your nurse?"

"I can't promise that, but you may sit there and talk to me."

"What shall I talk about?"

"Anything you like. You never seem to be at a loss for conversation."

Milly considered for a moment.

"I've had so few people to talk to lately, you see; I generally talk most to Fritz. He understands, I'm sure, but he doesn't talk back. When will you be quite well again, uncle?"

"Not before Christmas, I'm afraid."

"Oh dear, what a long time! But I'm very glad God has made you better. Nurse said it was a mercy you hadn't broken your neck. Do you know, uncle, I saw such a sad sight yesterday morning. I was down by the fir trees with Fritz, and we came upon a dear little rabbit caught in a steel trap. Maxwell said a poacher had put it there, and he was very angry. The rabbit was quite dead, and his two hind legs were broken. Wasn't it dreadful? What is a poacher, uncle?"

"A thief—a man that steals game that isn't his."

"Maxwell says there are lots of poachers about. I'm so afraid he will think Tommy is one when he comes back. I do hope he will be careful, because if it's dark he might make a mistake. Wouldn't it be dreadful if he hurt his own prodigal son! And I expect Tommy will look very like a poacher. He is sure to have ragged, dirty clothes. If I was—"

Here Milly paused, and gazed dreamily in front of her for some minutes in silence.

"Well?" inquired Sir Edward, looking at his little niece with interest as she sat in her big chair, her elbows supported by her knees, and her chin resting in her hands, "are you going into a brown study?"

"I was just thinking if I was a prodigal son—I mean a real one, not just playing at it, as I do—I would rather be one of God's prodigal sons, than belonging to anyone else."

"Why?"

"Because I would know for cer-

"Wait till Tommy comes back, little woman, and then it will be time enough to see about his ring, though I quite agree with his mother that it would be most unfitting."

"You have had the picture I gave you taken away, uncle," said Milly presently, her quick eyes roving round the room. "Ah! you've had it hung up on the wall. That's nice there. You can see it from your bed. Don't you like looking at it? Doesn't it make you feel happy?"

"I can't say it does," replied Sir Edward, glancing at the picture in question. "Why ought it to make me feel happy?"

"Oh, it's so nice to think he is just getting home after being away so long. I wonder if he was a great time walking back. How long do you think it takes one of God's prodigal sons to get back to Him, uncle?"

"I should say a very long time, indeed," said Sir Edward, slowly.

"But how long? Two days, or six hours, or a week?"

"It would depend perhaps on how long they had been away from Him."

"It's rather hard to understand," said Milly, wrinkling her little brow perplexedly, "because God is everywhere, isn't He? and I should have thought He would have been close by them all the time. I was asking nurse about it, and she said that God was near them, only they wouldn't have anything to say to Him, and did bad things and shut the Lord Jesus out of their heart, and let Satan in, and then God had to leave them till they said they were sorry. I suppose finally they say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in Thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son,' then God just folds them in His arms and forgives them and takes them back again; isn't that it?"

"Look here, I think we have had enough of this subject. Talk about something else."

Sir Edward's tone was irritable. Milly's ready tongue obeyed.

"Nurse says it's so cold today that she thinks it will snow. Do you think it will? It is quite smoky by the river; nurse says it is a fog. I wondered where it all came from. Do you think it might be God's breath, uncle?"

As she was chatting on, suddenly there came a sharp knock at the door, and a visitor appeared.

"Thought I'd look you up, for I heard you were on the sick list. Good gracious! you have been pretty bad, haven't you? Will you put me up for a night or two? I expect you want a little cheerful company."

Talking volubly, Major Lovell—for it was he—came forward and looked with real concern on Sir Edward's altered face.

"I'm very glad to see you," said the latter, heartily, holding out his hand. "Come and stay for as long as you like. I'm sick to death of my own society."

"And is this the small party that arrived so unexpectedly when I was here before?" inquired Major Lovell, looking down at Milly, who still sat in the big chair, regarding the newcomer with her large brown eyes.

"Yes," said Sir Edward, a faint smile hovering about his lips as he remembered his horror of her advent; "she is taking charge of me this afternoon."

Milly held out her little hand with all the grace of a duchess.

"I remember you," she said; "you were one of the gentlemen that laughed at me."

"I don't think I could have been guilty of such rudeness, surely."

"Now, I think you may run away," Sir Edward said, "and tell nurse I will ring when I want her."

Milly obeyed, and confided to nurse that she hoped the "new gentleman" would not keep her away from her uncle. "For do you know, nurse, I like Uncle Edward so much better when he is in bed. He looks so sad, and speaks so softly. I wish I could sit with him every day."

Major Lovell was a distant cousin of Sir Edward, and there existed a warm friendship between them. The very brightness of his tone seemed to do the invalid good, and Milly was quite delighted to find that her uncle's visitor not only listened with interest to the account of her favorite games and pastimes, but insisted upon joining her in them, and the walls

of the quiet old house rang again with merry mirth and laughter such as they had not known for years.

Upstairs in the sick room Major Lovell proved a wonderfully patient and skilful nurse; but there were times when all his bright cheeriness could not smooth the furrows in the invalid's brow, or take away the fretfulness of tone.

One morning Major Lovell came down from an interview with him with a puzzled expression of face. Catching sight of Milly in the hall, equipped in hat and jacket, he asked, "Are you going out with nurse?"

"No, nurse is busy—just by my own self, in the avenue with Fritz. Do come along with me."

The major consented, but with a graver face than usual, and then suddenly, very full of his own thoughts, said to the child, "I believe your uncle has something on his mind. It strikes me from different things he has let drop that he is turning pious."

"What is pious?" inquired Milly, instantly.

"What is it? A pious person thinks everyone wicked but themselves, and condemns everybody and everything all round them. They are most objectionable people, little woman, so mind you never take up that line, and the worst of it is that they're so satisfied with their own goodness, that you can't crush them, try as much as you may."

"And is Uncle Edward going to be like them?" asked the child, with a perplexed face.

"I devoutly hope not. I shall do all in my power to prevent it."

"What do pious people do?" questioned Milly.

"Do! They give tracts away and sing hymns, and pull long faces over very well-bound Bibles."

"I like singing hymns," asserted Milly, very emphatically; "everybody sings hymns to God, don't they? I listen to the birds, sometimes, and wish I could sing like them; and the trees sing, and the bees and flies. Everything seems to sing out of doors in the summer time, but they've nearly all dropped asleep now till next year. What hymns do you sing, Major Lovell?"

"Bless your heart, child! what do you take me for?" and the major laughed heartily as he spoke; then, with a twinkle in his eye, he went on gravely, "I shall begin to think that you are pious if you don't take care. What else do you do besides sing hymns?"

"I have a Bible," said Milly, solemnly, "and I just love it."

"And what makes you love such a dry book as the Bible? You can't understand a word of it."

"Oh, I can, Major Lovell, it's beautiful. I love nurse to read and read it to me. It tells about Jesus, you know, and I love Jesus, and He loves me. And it has such nice stories in it."

Major Lovell gave a long, low whistle.

"Ah!" he said, shaking his head comically at the little figure walking by his side, "I'm very much afraid you may be at the bottom of it all. Do you read the Bible to your uncle? Do you tell him that he has been wasting his life and not fulfilling the end for which he was created, in fact, he is a wicked sinner? For that has been the substance of his talk with me this morning!"

"Uncle Edward is a very good man," Milly replied, warmly. "I don't know what you mean, Major Lovell; don't you read the Bible?"

"What will you think of me if I tell you I don't?"

"Perhaps you know it all by heart? I expect that is why."

"I rather think I don't. You must not begin to catechise me too severely. Who has brought you up in this pious fashion?"

"I'm not pious. You said they were horrid people. But I thought all the grown-up people read the Bible, except people like Jack."

"Who is Jack?"

"He was a prodigal son, one of God's prodigal sons."

"And what are they, may I ask?"

Milly did not answer for a minute, then she stopped short, and said very solemnly, raising her large dark eyes to the major's face,—

"I wonder if you're a prodigal son. Uncle Edward said there were some rich ones. Have you run away from God, Major?"

"Oh, come now," said the major, pinching her cheek good-naturedly; "I didn't bargain for this when I came out with you. You must keep your sermons for someone else. Come along to the stables with me, and I will give you a ride."

In an instant Milly's gravity disappeared, and a little time afterward she was laughing gleefully as she was being trotted round the stable-yard on a large bay mare; but she said to her nurse when she came in,—

"Major Lovell is very nice, but very funny, and I can't always understand his talk, he says such difficult things."

(To be continued)

(From the Moody Colportage book, PROBABLE SONS, 39c.)



We quote so often from graduates of Bob Jones University who are ministers of the Gospel, missionaries, or school teachers; but we want you friends to know that we have a great many graduates who are in the business world. So I quote from a letter received from one of our graduates who is in the business world: "I thank God for the way in which He has helped me since I graduated from Bob Jones University. At the present time, I am Traffic Manager for this company; and I handle all of the company's shipping, receiving, and traffic problems as well as work in Production Control. It is surprising how many practical lessons I learned at Bob Jones University that help me on this job. I am convinced more than ever of the truth of Dr. Bob's saying, 'Jesus never taught men how to make a living. He taught men how to live; and if men know how to live, they usually do not

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By Jessie Rice Sandberg



A Column for Wives and Mothers

A Limited Vocabulary

At fifteen months old, our little Don is not much of a talker. He makes lots of sounds, of course, complete with inflections, question marks and exclamation points! He can chatter for hours in his own baby-lingo saying lots of "words" that are entirely for his own amusement. His recognizable English vocabulary, however, is so far limited to the barest essentials—Momma, Daddy, bye-bye, dog and gum! Just yesterday he pulled my face down to his and said very earnestly, "Num-numnum" and then was very pleased when I got the message that he was hungry and wanted something to eat!

Most of the time Donnie gets his needs fulfilled by taking my hand and leading me into one room or another. Once there, he points in the general direction of whatever it is he needs and wants, and I am expected to know what he means. Of course I am not always successful on the first guess, but since I am his mother (and the mother of two older children who went through the same process at the same age) I can usually interpret his requests.

On the other hand, little Don does not always understand my vocabulary. If I talk about the weather, the Berlin crisis, or the people down the block—that is all beyond his comprehension. Still, that in no way hinders our communication when we fellowship together. He has no difficulty whatever understanding what I mean when I say "I love you" because he can see the meaning in my face and feel the meaning in the tenderness of my touch and he returns love for love with little grunts of affection and soft baby arms around my neck. He knows what actions on the part of his big brother and sister denote playtime and doesn't have to be told when a game is in process. He can hear the shouts of laughter and watch the skipping and running even though he might not understand all the words they use while they play. When he hears the welcome call "Daddy's home!" he knows to run to the front door in gleeful anticipation of being swept into Daddy's arms for a hug.

Last of all, Donnie knows exactly the meaning of the word "no"—especially when it is said with a finger sternly pointed in his direction. He also knows that the command "leave it alone," when ignored, will probably mean getting his little backside paddled! How wonderful it is that God gives the communication of love between parents and babies with-

out the direct necessity for completely understanding each other's vocabulary.

My vocabulary, too, must seem very limited to my Heavenly Father. So often I do not know how to express my needs and my deepest heart's desires to Him. Because of my own human frailty, I can only point in a general direction to show Him what it is I want out of life—then I must leave it to Him to fill each day with its own measure of joy and sorrow, work and rest, success and failure. He knows and loves me better than any human mother could know or love a human baby, and because of this, He anticipates my needs even before a single faltering, lisping request is uttered. My weak, undeveloped human mind has no capacity for communicating with Him about the unsearchable mysteries of the universe, of life and death, and eternity. But I can understand His infinite love and mercy, which He daily expresses in so many ways; I can enjoy the privilege of His gracious bounty; and I can feel the faithful hand of discipline which He must administer from time to time.

Well, then—a limited vocabulary is not so bad when one is a member of the family of God!

WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN, P.O. Box 127, Grover, North Carolina, held a revival October 16-22 at the First Baptist Church in Fowlerville, Michigan. Rev. Golden Blount, pastor, reports 12 saved, a large number of rededications and 21 new tithees. He heartily recommends Evangelist Duncan for his powerful preaching of the Word and his reliance on the Holy Spirit to guide him.

EVANGELIST TOM C. FAIR, 3431 South East 36th Avenue, Portland 2, Oregon, writes a wonderful letter telling of recent meetings. At the Mountain View Baptist Church of Flagstaff, Arizona, there were 35 saved, 43 for assurance or returning from backsliding and 46 other decisions in the 11 days.

In a county-wide meeting in



By Aunt Mary

At the beginning of December we always begin singing Christmas carols at our house. We never tire of them, always wish the season were longer for singing them. I think no song is lovelier than the simple, quiet, "Silent Night, Holy Night," as it puts the Christmas emphasis right where it ought to be—on our remembering Jesus' coming to earth to be born as a tiny baby.

I thrill to the triumphant ring of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, Glory to the Newborn King." I love the beautiful harmonies of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night." All these we sing.

The small children always enjoy singing, "Away in a Manger, No Crib for a Bed." We sing, "Little Baby, Little Jesus, I Love You," and mean it, though it has been

hundreds of years since Jesus was that little Baby born in Bethlehem. I hope that while these old favorites are sung you will get joy in singing some newer songs which praise the Christ of Christmas. To the tune of "Jingle Bells" the children in our Sunday school sing:

"Gospel bells, gospel bells, ring them all the day,
To tell the world that Jesus came to take our sins away."

"Jingle Bells" is fun to sing and not wrong, for it helps us to remember that Jesus' birthday is the reason for Christmas if we sing the old song to these new words.

Welcome to a new group of *Sword Bearer's Club* members. These friends have a head start on the New Year with their resolution to read their Bibles each day, striving to do what they learn in their reading, and to pray each day: ten-year-old Rejeana Johnson in Oroville, California; twelve-year-old Michael Wright from Asheville, North Carolina; David Keyes of Fillmore, Illinois, and Mr. Edwin Scott of Ferndale, Michigan.

Two young sisters in Humboldt, Tennessee, sent their applications for membership: Patricia Sanders who is eight, and Barbara, nine. Barbara wrote a sweet letter, confessed that she does not read her Bible as much as she ought to, but says she is saved and wants to please the Lord Jesus. The Lord will help us to do what we ought, won't He?

Have you written to say whether you are enjoying *Probable Sons*? From you who have written I am tickled to find out how much you appreciate this story of the little orphan girl, Milly, and her gentle leading of her bachelor uncle to know and trust her Jesus.

Romans 8:14-16 says:

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

W. E. Vine tells us that "Abba" is the word formed by the lips of infants, and betokens unreasoning trust; "father" expresses an intelligent apprehension of the relationship. The two together express the love and intelligent confidence of the child."

Well, then—a limited vocabulary is not so bad when one is a member of the family of God!

Fairmont, Minnesota, Brother Fair reports that scores of people walked the aisles for salvation.

Brother Fair's letter was written from Trinity Baptist Church of Central Valley, California, and the evangelist reports a deep spirit of revival and ministry of the Holy Spirit among Christians. A number of souls have been saved though the meeting was just getting started.

THE HAL WEBB EVANGELISTIC TEAM, 508 Buse Street, Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, held a two-week meeting in the Grace Baptist Church of Eureka, California. Scott Janikula, pastor, reports that there were over 100 decisions for Christ and members of the church were greatly strengthened during the meeting.

EVANGELIST SAM B. WHITFIELD, P.O. Box 30, Staunton, Virginia, conducted a series of revival services with the Evangelical Methodist Church of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, Rev. Douglas B. Stirling, pastor, October 24-November 2. There were 14 decisions for Christ during the services with large attendances each night.

EVANGELIST ARNOLD WILIS, 405 Linden Circle, Huntingdon 5, West Virginia, reports a good meeting held in the First EUB Church of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, October 25-November 5. There were a total of 16 conversions, 23 rededications, and 16 for full-time Christian service.

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Bud Lyles

November! Thanksgiving Day! We in America have so much to fill our hearts with gratitude . . . not the least of which is a vast wealth of good sacred music on records. There has always been great talent in the field of sacred music, but it seems as though there never has been a time when that talent could be heard by so many of God's people. The great growth of the recording industry has made great talent accessible to common people. By means of recordings you and I may have the very best that sacred music has to offer. Pull up your chair and "listen" to these new releases.

On the new Supreme label, Mr. Ed Lyman, who is heard in an ever-widening circle of Christian work, performs a dozen selections with the Paul Mickelson Orchestra and Chorus. There is a variety of old and new, classical and standard sacred songs. There is little

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Mr. Paul Mickelson conducts the London Symphonic Band and Male Chorus in a wonderful album of sacred melodies. A number of the arrangements are by Eric Leidzen, an outstanding conductor, arranger, composer, teacher who has given distinguished service through the Salvation Army. The stirring sound of band instruments combine in this album with virile male voices to give an authoritative ring to the grand hymns of the Christian faith. Titles include: Holy, Holy, Holy; Lead Kindly Light; O Lord, Most Holy; Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, and O God, Our Help in Ages Past (fine choral work). There are nine selections. This is one of the most outstanding albums of the year in the field of sacred music. SUPREME SM 1004.

Carillon music has taken on an increasing popularity in the United States. The "Singing Tower" in Florida is a tourist attraction. Another favorite is the Memorial Carillon at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Many churches have sound systems and "broadcast" hymns on Carillon records. Mr. Lorin Whitney, well known for his organ artistry, plays a Schulmerich Carillon and Harp on his latest album. There are fourteen familiar titles. This would be a fine album for a church library. CHRISTIAN FAITH Hi-Fi-1407.

Volume three of Dr. Peter Slack at the Great Wurlitzer Pipe Organ is now available. Dr. Slack performs eleven of his own arrangements. He is known across the country through his travels with his own evangelistic team, and in concerts and campaigns with leading evangelists. He is now the Music Director for KGFR in Long Beach, California, and organist for the First Baptist Church there. Some of the titles are: Heartaches, All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, Raise Me Jesus, Jesus Saves, Softly and Tenderly. This is a nice instrumental album for home or church use. CHRISTIAN FAITH Hi-Fi-1591 or Stereo-591.

In our last column we reviewed two releases under the Heart Warming Records label. We received a good letter from Dr. Benson of the John T. Benson Publishing Company, producers of recordings with this new label. He wanted to be sure that we had their new album, "Sacred Moments in Song." We are certainly glad to have it. Mr. Howard Whittemore is the fine tenor soloist of the religious television program "The Story." His voice is clear and controlled. There is a tender quality which aids his interpretation of a song tremendously. Your heart will be stirred as you hear this one. There are some old titles and some new songs. Accompaniment is by piano and organ and strings. It is a fine-quality recording. Mr. Whittemore gets some unusual effects by using a soft falsetto on some high notes, but he demonstrates his ability by singing a high G sharp full voice. Titles: Wondrous Grace Hath Blessed My Soul, Follow Me, How Long Has It Been (particularly well done), Each Step I Take, and Nothing Between. HEART WARMING RECORDS Hi-Fi LPHF-1701 or Stereo LPS-1700.

Here is another recording in Spanish. Mr. Pedro Nunez, a baritone, is heard regularly on XEBW in Chihuahua, Mexico. The program is called "Spiritual Repose," which is also the album title. All of the songs are done in Spanish but the jacket cover is conveniently bi-lingual. Nunez has a pleasant voice although there seems to be a sameness about his interpretations of differing songs. Some of the twelve titles: He Hideth My Soul, Ship Ahoy, If You Know the Lord, How Great Thou Art, and It Took a Miracle. WORD W-3109-LP.

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Should I Send the Sword to Others?

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We have always tried to maintain a kindly approach toward individual Catholics and others in the cults. We regularly refuse advertising on mean and malicious books which merely antagonize Roman Catholics. Though we felt it was not wise for the United States to have a Roman Catholic President and frankly said so in THE SWORD, yet our approach was not the malicious approach of some others. We have had many Roman Catholics saved through the paper and try to deal kindly with them.

Question: Wouldn't all the controversy carried on in THE SWORD simply confuse the unsaved and young Christians? Some have felt that because we have openly criticized Dr. Billy Graham for his compromise, have been opposed to the National Council of Churches, and have been very outspoken in our opposition to modernism that the unsaved and young Christians would be hurt by these controversial issues.

Answer: My answer to this question is very simple. In the first place the bulk of each issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD is solid Bible teaching on salvation, soul winning, prayer, Bible study, revival, the Holy Spirit and a host of other important themes. We have just checked through the last 12 issues of THE SWORD to see what percentage of the material actually was controversial. Here is what we found. In all the twelve issues less than 5% of the material was controversial. Nearly half of this was in two major articles exposing the errors of Jehovah's Witnesses and of the National Council of Churches. The remaining more than 95% was given over to great messages on soul winning, power of the Holy Spirit, prayer, and a host of other important themes.

Actually, anyone who is offended by the controversy of THE SWORD OF THE LORD should also be offended by the controversies openly presented in the Bible. Paul dealt publicly with the splits and scandals in the church in Corinth. The Bible clearly reveals all of the awful wickedness of some of God's choicest servants when they slipped and fell into sin. So you see, if THE SWORD OF THE LORD is not fit for the unsaved and young converts, then neither is the Bible. People who are offended by the controversial material in THE SWORD OF THE LORD would also be offended to listen to John the Baptist preach and deal with the sins of his time. These same people would not allow the Apostle Paul to preach in their churches because he was too bold and outspoken and called names too much.

As far as we know and as best we can we are trying simply to duplicate Bible Christianity in our days. We know that some will be offended but offenses must come. Actually, the unsaved have sense enough to see many of the problems which are mentioned in THE SWORD. Many unsaved people have recognized the folly of a good man like Dr. Billy Graham linking up with outrageous infidels and modernists. Young converts, too, can easily see the problem involved with violating plain commands of the Scriptures.

Yes, You Should Send THE SWORD to Your Friends and Unsaved Loved Ones

In the first place, THE SWORD OF THE LORD actually has people saved all of the time. Last year there were 309 who wrote to tell us that they had been saved through THE SWORD literature. So far this year there have been 269. Hardly a day goes by without a letter from someone telling how he had found Christ through our work. I don't know of another publication in the world that has this kind of results for our size circulation. Of course, many are saved who never write to tell us of their experience. So you see, sending THE SWORD to unsaved loved ones and friends actually gets results in souls saved.

People's lives are revolutionized by the paper each week. Preachers write to tell us how they have been changed from cold, fruitless pastors into real soul winners by the weekly messages of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Other Chris-

tian workers tell us how THE SWORD has revolutionized and changed their whole spiritual lives. Homes are made right, lives are saved, young folks are placed in good strong Christian schools through the influence of THE SWORD OF THE LORD in homes across the world.

THE SWORD OF THE LORD majors on the main thing—soul winning. We defend the faith and try to teach Bible doctrine, but our main emphasis is soul winning. We know that the hope of America and the world is a real revival of New Testament soul winning. The great sermons by the very finest preachers who have ever lived and the very cream of evangelistic preaching today are included in the pages of THE SWORD.

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The Home God Ordained

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band and wife should be able to talk things over together. Wife should be interested in husband's work; that is the way they make a living.

One day while holding meetings in California, we went to visit in a home that seemed to be breaking up. A young man and woman of different nationalities had married. They had different backgrounds, different interests, and different ways of doing things, and it just made more friction.

A friend of mine married a fine girl. They got along very well, but he decided later to be a doctor. As time passed he lost interest in his wife and married a nurse. I don't know, but if his wife had taken interest in his line of work, it might have saved the home.

3. Physical Affinity

There should also be a physical affinity; that is, they should like the looks of each other. In the animal realm, among the pheasant family, for instance, the male bird must attract his mate by his beautiful plumage. But in the human realm it is the direct opposite; the female or the girl must attract her mate. But there are two ways of attraction; God has a way and the Devil has a way.

God's Way. It is always well and proper that a woman keep herself clean and neat, but the Bible says she is not to seek to attract her mate merely by "outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price," and I might well add, a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of any good man of great price also (I Pet. 3:4).

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Bear Children

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord." Blessed is the man with a big family (Ps. 127:3). Now that is what the Bible says. Says someone, "You cannot raise a big family today; it takes too much money." No, it doesn't. If you didn't demand all the new gadgets, you would make it all right. Of course the children will have to wear hand-me-downs, but they can do that. Ours did.

In a big family, the children will quarrel sometimes, but pity that little fellow who says something against a little girl that has a bigger brother—he had better have his picture taken if he wants to remember what he looks like.

Guide the House

The natural sphere of the woman is in the home. You can hardly expect a baby sitter to bring up those children like Mother can. And you can hardly expect a mother to make enough in the business world to make up for what she loses by not taking care of her own children. Perhaps in the matter of health, a woman may have to get a job, but the natural place for the wife is in the home. Paul told Titus to teach the younger women to be "keepers at home" (Titus 2:5).

But someone says, "Men failed, so women had to get into business and politics."

No, men have not failed. Men have not failed any more than women have failed. It is still true, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." When God wanted a mighty man, Samuel, to rule His people Israel, He got a boy who had a quiet mother of prayer, Hannah. When God wanted a mighty man, Timothy, to stand with the Apostle Paul, He got a man who had a godly old grandmother and mother, Lois and Eu-

nice. I lived, was able to pound out tiny horseshoes. They were perfect and he sent them all over the world to noted people as a good-luck emblem. He had three rooms of things he had gotten back.

The ruler of India sent him a little ruby. He showed it to me one day and said, "That little ruby is worth more than a diamond. It is worth fifty dollars." Figure that out. If a man who has a good wife has something worth far more than rubies, and if a tiny ruby is worth fifty dollars, just think how rich a man is who has a two-hundred-pound wife.

Verse 15: "She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household"; that is, she gets up and gets breakfast. I used to work in a place where some of the men drove ten or twenty miles to work, getting up way before daylight in the wintertime, the snow sifting across the road and the cold wind blowing. Some of their wives didn't even get up and get breakfast.

Now you can do that, but contrast that with a home in Mansfield, Ohio, where I was holding meetings. One morning I got up way before daylight to catch a bus. As I stood under a street-light, the snow piled high, suddenly the door across the street opened and a man started out to work. There was his wife to give him a royal send-off. What a wonderful way to start a day's work!

Verse 23: "Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land"; that is, his shirts are clean, no buttons off.

Verse 27: "She eateth not the bread of idleness." I feel sorry for some men who work hard all week then come home and give their check to a wife who does not know the value of money.

Socks are cheap, but don't throw them away. Patch the socks; sew on the buttons. Don't eat the bread of idleness. Don't listen to those radio programs which say, "Wife, get this prepared food and get out of that stuffy old kitchen." Don't listen to that. The kitchen is your realm; you are queen in the kitchen; the delight of your heart should be to be in the kitchen preparing good, wholesome food for your household.

I oftentimes feel sorry as I stand in a big ten-cent store in a big city and see a long row of stools with women on them eating expensive ice cream dishes, and I know that many of their husbands are out working to make the living. Those things count up. No wonder some people are never able to get ahead—eating the bread of idleness.

Verse 28: "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." Note that. Her husband praiseth her. He finds something good to say. Maybe the beans are burned, but the potatoes are good.

Verse 31: "Let her own works praise her in the gates." When I lived in Pennsylvania, a large family lived in a very poor house, but I was amazed at those little children. They were always clean and so nice and neat. Verily that woman's works praised her in the streets.

Chaste

"Give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully." That agent who plies his trade after husband goes to work does not have to come into your house. Give none occasion for the adversary to speak reproachfully.

II. Order in the Home

If you were driving down the street and a little ignorant policeman were standing there and he told you to turn the corner, you would turn, not because he is any bigger than you, but because it is a matter of position or order. And so is Heaven a place of order, princedoms upon princedoms. And God has ordained order for the home. The husband is the head of the home.

Back in the Garden of Eden, God said to Eve, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee" (Gen. 3:16).

As I travel about the country, I am convinced that most of the

trouble—the heartaches, the divorce and sorrows in the homes of our land—lies right there. Wives are not willing to take their God-given place in the home. Surely they would be far happier if they did so.

That command comes into the New Testament absolutely unchanged. "Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands" (Eph. 5:22), and Paul tells us that the word *submit* means "not answering again" (Titus 2:9). Wives, quit that arguing, debating, snapping, quarreling with your husband. All in the world you gain is the disrespect of your husband, and the love and respect of your husband is worth a million dollars to you.

"A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike" (Prov. 27:15). That nagging and that sharp tongue can work disaster and dampen the love of a husband. The same is true of a husband using sharp language toward his wife.

Wife, when that husband comes home at night, he has a perfect right to expect a loving wife, a royal welcome, and things at home as they should be.

Sometime ago I was holding meetings in Florida, and one evening I took a walk before the church service. Suddenly a car came down the street and turned in just ahead of me. I saw a commotion in the house as Mother hurried to get the little babe to the door to meet Papa. Verily, there is no place on earth so near Heaven as the home that God ordained.

The husband is the head of the

home, but on the other side, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church" (Eph. 5:25).

Do you know how much our Lord loves the church? Verily, no wife who has a husband who loves her as Christ loves the church need fear to obey him. The church is our Lord's bride, and He is so jealous of His bride that He will not permit her to flirt with the world, and if you seek to flirt with the world, you are rated a spiritual adulterer (James 4:4).

Let a wife who has a husband who is jealous over her rejoice and welcome it and appreciate it and never let another man touch her.

And husband, when you come home at night, remember, your wife has been in the home all day and she is weary. She dropped a bottle of milk this morning and had to clean up an awful mess. She tried so hard to make a nice birthday cake for you and it did not come out right, and she is feeling blue.

Now don't you come home growling like an old bear. Don't you get behind a newspaper and just grunt a little. The Bible says for you to "live joyfully" with your wife (Eccles. 9:9). Play with her; tease her; tickle her under the chin; make her glad you came home.

Children, Obey

"Children, obey your parents" (Eph. 6:1). As I travel about I am amazed how many people have that in reverse. How hard some parents work trying to obey their

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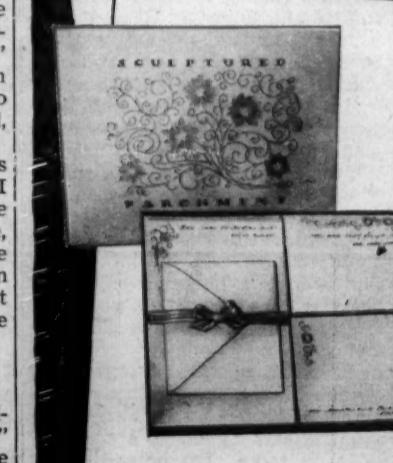
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children. But children are to obey their parents.

Father is the head of the home, with Mother submitting to her husband, and the children obeying their parents. In other words, Father states the proposition; Mother seconds the motion, and woe unto the little one who does not vote in the affirmative.

Parents are to force obedience. "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not surely die [he may yell like it, but he won't die]. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell" (Prov. 23:13, 14). If you don't spank that little fellow when he needs it, he may go to Hell and it will be your fault.

"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Prov. 22:15).

This is a command that is not always binding. A time comes when that child grows up and starts a unit of society of his own and no longer must he obey his father and his mother. But "honour" Father and Mother is a command binding from the cradle to the grave. That old father and old mother have a perfect right to look forward to spending their sunset years in the home of son or daughter.

When our Lord was on earth, people sometimes played a trick on the old folks. A man might take his old father or mother and say, "Corban." That is, the money I might use to support you, I am going to give to the temple; now you can go. But our Lord said, You hypocrites, you make void the commandment of God by your traditions, for God commanded to honour father and mother (Mark 7).

III. Starting a New Home

There was a family containing several boys, and the younger boy was quite a problem. He would come to the table with his hair on end, his face dirty, and with a water-line around his wrist. He never got above that water-line. His parents would send him from the table to clean up, but a few days later he would be back again in the same old condition.

Years passed. One evening he came to the table with his hair wet and lying flat, his face clean, and the water-line all gone. As he sat down to eat his supper, no one said a word. Finally Father laid down his knife and fork and said, "Well, who is she?"

That was it! That father and mother could scold through the years, but it did no good. But one day that young fellow met a girl, and one look at that girl did more to clean him up than all the scoldings of the parents. Verily, it is amazing what a girl can do to a boy.

But I don't blame girls for wanting a boy. One of the most wonderful creatures in all the world is a boy. They are almost as good as a girl. But listen, girls! Some boys are no good and it might be better if you never had a date than to go out with some boys. Keep your standards high, and if a boy's standards are not high, away with him.

And girls, if that fellow brings you home some night and Mother

God's Bounty

Sir Walter Raleigh was one day asking a favor from Queen Elizabeth, when the latter asked him, "Raleigh, when will you leave off begging?" To which he replied, "When your Majesty leaves off giving"—a thought worthy of being cherished concerning a Sovereign greater than Queen Elizabeth.

It Might Have Been Worse

Not long ago a man lost his leg in a railway accident. He was taken to a hospital where his wounds were dressed. The surgeon said to him, "It is very unfortunate that this should have happened to you." "Oh," said the man, "it might have been worse; I'm so thankful it was the leg with the rheumatism."

looks him over and shakes her head—you be careful; that mother of yours can tell more about that fellow in five minutes than you can in a whole month.

And girls, it is nice to play the piano, and be a fancy worker, but those are not the main things of life. A dutiful daughter who can cook, and bake, and sweep, and sew is the girl worthwhile. Girls, get up and get breakfast; learn the household duties from your mother as you help her with the work about home. Pity that poor girl who has to go to high school to learn domestic science—fry bananas and things like that.

Girls, send me ten cents for this. The reason I know it is worth ten cents is that the newspaper said so. An advertisement read:

"Send ten cents and we will tell you girls how to keep your hands white." The dimes rolled in and the answers rolled back: "Soak your hands in dishwater three times a day while Mother sits in the easy chair." That would no doubt work for boys, too.

Now I have been talking to girls, but I would like to talk to you boys awhile. This is for boys only.

Boys, some girls don't even know how to use a can opener. They are no good. Never ask that girl to be your wife while she has her Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes on. You try this: Take that girl home some night and when you start to leave, forget a glove; leave a glove laying on a chair or somewhere. Then you go home.

Next morning, kind of early come back—after your glove, of course. Knock on the door, and keep your eyes open. If that girl

comes to the door with an old filthy dress on and her hair standing on end—never mind the glove; you dig for the woods. But if she comes to the door with a neat dress and evidence she is helping her mother with the wash—grab her quick; that is the girl you want.

IV. Enemies of the Home

1. Unfaithfulness

There are many enemies of the home, one of which is unfaithfulness. God takes that one young woman and that one young man and binds their hearts in the closest union known to man—one flesh, a union so close and so sacred that to violate that union and that inner circle is to merit the highest penalty known to man—sure death.

I was waiting for a train in Chicago and had passed out some tracts to those standing about. A soldier came to talk with me. It ought to have been one of the happiest times of his life, for he was on his way then to be discharged. Back he could go, to his wife and home folks. But he told me that he had just learned his wife was spending Saturday nights with another man, and "I am just waiting to catch them together."

If the neighbors had taken that wife and that other man out and stoned them to death, they would have fulfilled God's command to Moses under the law. But says someone, "We are not under law; we are under grace." That is true. We are not under law but under grace. I do not know to whom I may be talking, but

Young man, when you take that girl to be your wife, you take her for better or for worse, and

if she is "worse" than you thought, you are stuck.

Wife, "Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart let her remain unmarried" (I Cor. 7:10).

Husband, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication and shall marry another, committeth adultery" (Matt. 19:9).

3. The Relatives

The relatives are often a source of discord in a home. We hear so much about the mother-in-law. But mothers-in-law are all right. One of the most important creatures in all the world is a mother-in-law. She is so important that if there were none, you would not have a wife. We have to have mothers-in-law. It is wonderful when Mother falls in love with Son's wife.

But one mother-in-law in ten thousand, or fifty or ten, is the meanest creature that walks this earth. I meet up with things that make me boil all over. Mother has a perfect right to look forward to spending her latter years in the home of her daughter. But however welcome Mother may be, let her remember she is not a member of that little inside circle. She has had her fling. She has no right to boss her daughter, to boss the children, and to boss the husband. If she does, away with her.

When holding meetings in California, there was a woman there who had lived five years apart from her husband because she

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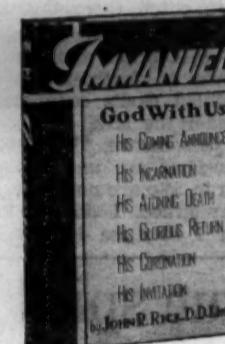
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The Home God Ordained

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thought she must care for her old mother. Her mother was so mean she would break up the home. Scripture is very clear here. We are not to leave husband to care for mother, but if there must be a separation, a man is to "leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife" (Matt. 19:5). A wife should not gang-up with her mother against her husband.

V. Fruit of the Home

God takes that one man and that one woman and joins them into one flesh. Then a most wonderful thing takes place when into that union there comes a bundle of responsibility. A little pig is fighting for its breakfast two minutes after it is born. That little babe cannot roll off a pillow. But soon that pig will pass off the scene forever, but in that babe is a life that will be somewhere, somewhere, somewhere. Even after the sun has burned itself into a cinder that babe will be somewhere enjoying the smile of its Creator, or in shame and sorrow. It is up to Papa and Mama to bring that babe up for the Lord. What a tremendous responsibility to bring a little human being into this world!

Every Christian home should have a family altar. Father and Mother should make Christ the real head of the home. "These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart." Father and Mother should have the

Word of God abundantly in their own hearts.

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.... And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house" (Deut. 6:7, 9).

"Write them on the posts of thy house." A Christian home should have an abundance of good Scripture mottoes on the walls.

"Teach them . . . when thou liest down." When my children were small, I would go in the front room and lie on the floor. Then I would lay out my arms and soon I would have a row of heads down each arm and we would go through the Bible stories over and over. They never tired of them.

"Teach them . . . when thou sittest in thine house." You may be sitting in the kitchen and the tea kettle is boiling away. "Children, see that steam coming out of the tea kettle? The Bible says, 'What is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away' (James 4:14). Control that steam and it will drive a train across the country. Leave it alone and it is worthless. And so with your life," etc.

"Teach them . . . when thou walkest by the way."

A sudden gust of wind takes off a little hat. The little fellow races after it and comes back in triumph, holding it on his head. "Hey, Sonny. Do you know where that wind came from?"

"No."

"Do you know where it goes?"

"Well that's just it. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8). Then you can give the story of Nicodemus and the new birth.

A rooster crows. "Boys, how do you suppose Peter felt that night he denied the Lord and the cock crew?"

I was living in Michigan and had cut some wood. I borrowed a couple of horses and a wagon to haul it to the road. My little boys were in the back end of the wagon and I was driving, trying to miss the stumps and the trees. Suddenly I heard a yell, and looking back, I noted the trouble. We had just passed beneath the overhanging limb of a big beech tree and there hung a little hat.

And what did we talk about—Absalom, whose head was caught in a great oak and his mule went on his way.

Once we found a hollow stump and it made a fine little furnace. I built a fire and the little boys put sticks on the fire. One found a branch of dead leaves, and he put it on the fire. It burned with a flash, so surprising him that he fell backward to the ground. It was easy to recall Nebuchadnezzar's furnace and how it was so hot that it killed the men who threw the three Hebrews into the fire.

One day two of my little girls were running for the hen house. One got in and closed the door and the other stood without, yelling and pounding on the door. I went over; it was easy to recall the ten virgins—half got in and half did not—so be always ready to meet the Lord. I could go on and on. And the children will notice things also, for all nature is full of spiritual illustrations.

I speak from charts and have about forty of them. My chart of "hades" has an archway leading into the underworld. Riding along a river in Pennsylvania, we passed a stone archway under a railroad. The one little fellow in the back of the car said, "There is the road to Hell."

Tall weeds in a stream brought to the mind of one of our little ones the place where baby Moses was hidden.

One day in a woods we stopped to rest. The ground was wet, so we lay on a log. The hardness of our pillow brought to the mind of another child the time Jacob had a stone for a pillow. A little dog

THE SWORD OF THE LORD

under the table brought to their minds the Scripture saying that even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall beneath the table.

As Israel neared the Promised Land, God told them to "Destroy all their pictures" (Num. 33:52). Often I find pictures in even Christian homes that should be destroyed. If that garage or hardware store gives you a calendar with a silly half-dressed woman looking out at you—away with it! There is power in a picture. Well do I remember as the months and years passed how I as a little boy, would glance at a picture that hung on the wall—a man cutting wheat with a sickle and the words, "To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward."

When my old grandmother died, I went back to the sale. There were chairs and beds and other articles of furniture strung about the lawn. But over on the south side of the house was a big pile of trash, worthless material they did not know what to do with. Most certainly no one would want that pile of worthless junk. But one man in that crowd had his eye

upon that pile of trash, and I got the whole thing for a nickel. On top of that pile was a Bible picture—the finding of the baby Moses. From boyhood to adult life that picture had hung on Grandmother's wall, and it was precious to me.

Verily there is power for good or ill in a picture. And be careful to use real pictures, not modern art. The wildest Indian that ever roamed the primeval forests of our fair land could not do worse. How wild is that human heart that delights to pervert the beauties about us.

Before Israel entered the Promised Land, God told Moses to teach them "this song," for it shall not be forgotten (Deut. 31).

How careful I used to be in the selection of records for our player. Beware of what you put before children in the form of song. What miserable noise I have to listen to as I eat my meal in a restaurant. It sounds like the wail of a lost soul out of Hades.

"Taint going to rain no more, no more." But why sing that before the children? Has not God

promised rain and sunshine to the end of time? Why not rather sing, "Send us, Lord, the sunshine and the rain." Verily, I am amazed at what parents put into the minds of children out of television.

Wife had the little fellow in a big pan on the floor by the furnace giving him his bath. He began to sing, "Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow."

He was a little tot and was not to go up the stairs, but one day he tried to toddle up the steps and began to sing, "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."

He was playing on the floor with his toys and having troubles, so he began to sing, "Jesus knows all about our troubles." That little fellow is now a professor in a Christian college, one of the fine schools of our land.

Verily, the nearest thing to Heaven that there is on earth is the home that God ordained. And may the reader of these pages so order his household that when the roll is called up yonder, his home circle will not be broken.

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David, or Paul, or Isaiah, or Moses, or Moody, or Spurgeon. Oh, but I will have to move from one seat to another at the wonderful banquet, because I want to sit by another poor sinner saved by grace, too. I want to see the poor thief who was crucified beside Jesus and saved in his dying hour. I want to see Mary Magdalene out of whom Jesus cast seven devils. I want to see Zacchaeus, the drunkards and harlots and con-

crook who got straightened out as he slid down a tree to see Jesus. I want to see the poor harlot who wept over the feet of Jesus, and so washed away the dust of His travels, and wiped His feet with the hair of her head and kissed them. I want to see the dear girl at Philippi who, devil-possessed, told fortunes until she was converted. And, oh, the drunkards and harlots and con-

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underlined these verses and they had been clearly explained, then I asked all who realized they were sinners and wanted to be forgiven, wanted everlasting life, to solemnly sign the decision in the back of the Gospel of John. Many did so. Then I had them stand to claim the Saviour openly, and there was a deep moving of the Holy Spirit, and a good many tears fell as young people boldly took their stand for Christ.

Away with this idea of a Heaven filled with Pharisees! Away with this idea of a Heaven filled with self-righteous people, patting themselves on the head and boasting about holding out! Away with this false picture of salvation that is worked out or paid out by men's deeds and by rites and ceremonies and by keeping rules!

No, thank God, every poor sinner in the universe, who will turn to Jesus and trust Him and accept the free salvation, may have the robe of righteousness and the ring of sonship and the Father's kiss of forgiveness and the fatted calf of the banquet, just as the prodigal son did.

The prodigal son is a wonderful illustration of just what I am talking about. He did not deserve his father's love and forgiveness. He brought home neither money nor good clothes nor savory reputation. Only by the grace and love and mercy of a forgiving father could he be admitted back into the family at all. But all the blessings of that wonderful home-coming dinner, he received free out of the father's mercy. An outcast, he was made a son. Dead, he was made alive. Lost, he was found. And all of it was by the loving grace and mercy of his father. And that way sinners are going to arrive at this wonderful banquet. Heaven is made for sinners—saved sinners, redeemed sinners, cleansed sinners. But Heaven, I say, is made for sinners, and the only door of entrance is the grace of God.

Sin, sin, sin—how terrible, how burning, how blighting, how accursed of God is sin! How it breaks the body and inflames the passions and perverts the mind and damns the soul! How sin breaks the heart of God and crucifies the Saviour afresh and turns love into hate, turns light into darkness, turns happiness into anguish. God has the answer to sin. When Jesus died on the cross, He paid for sin. The vilest sinner in the world who will turn to Jesus for mercy and forgiveness can have salvation.

There is an unpardonable sin, but if you will remember one simple thing about it, it will save you any misunderstanding and heartache on this question. There is no unpardonable sin for one who will turn to Jesus and trust Him. There is no unpardonable sin for one who is willing to accept the blessed invitation. The only unpardonable sin there is can only be committed in rejecting Christ, in turning down the gospel invitation. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely!"

4. Just Come!

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Why I Left Freemasonry

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many of the pretensions of Masonry. But, upon reflexion and examination, a severe struggle and earnest prayer, I found I could not consistently remain with them. My new life instinctively and irresistibly recoiled from any fellowship with what I now regarded as "the unfruitful works of darkness."

Quietly Withdrawing Membership

Without consulting anyone, I finally went to the Lodge and requested my discharge. My mind was made up. Withdraw from them I must—with their consent if I might; without this consent if I must. Of this I said nothing; but somehow it came to be known that I had withdrawn.

They therefore planned a Masonic festival and sent a committee to me, requesting me to deliver an oration on that occasion. I quietly declined to do so, informing the committee that I could not conscientiously, in any wise, do what would show my approval of the institution, or sympathy with it. However for the time, and for years afterward I remained silent, and said nothing against Masonry; though I had then so well considered the matter as to regard my Masonic oaths as utterly null and void. But from that time I never allowed myself to be recognized as a Freemason anywhere.

Beginning a Public Testimony

This was a few years before the revelations of Freemasonry by Captain William Morgan were published. When that book was published, I was asked if it was a true revelation of Freemasonry. I replied that it was so far as I knew anything about it, and that as nearly as I could recollect, it was a verbatim revelation of the first three degrees as I had myself taken them. I frankly acknowledged that that which had been published was a true account of the institution, and a true *expose* of their oaths, principles, and proceedings. After I had considered it more thoroughly, I was more perfectly convinced that I had no right to adhere to the institution, or appear to do so; and that I was bound, whenever the occasion came, to speak my mind freely in regard to it, and to renounce the horrid oaths that I had taken.

Masonic Oaths Procured by Fraud

I found that in taking these oaths I had been grossly deceived and imposed upon. I had been led to suppose that there were some very important secrets to be communicated to me; but in this I found myself entirely disappointed. Indeed I came to the deliberate conclusion that my oaths had been procured by fraud and misrepresentations; that the institution was in no respect what I had been informed it was; and as I have had the means of examining it more thoroughly, it has become more and more irresistibly plain to me that Masonry is highly dangerous to the State, and in every way injurious to the Church of Christ.

Features of an Antichrist

Judging from unquestionable evidences, how can we fail to pronounce Freemasonry an unchristian institution? We can see that its morality is unchristian. Its oath-bound secrecy is unchristian. The administration and taking of its oaths are unchristian, and a violation of the positive command of Christ. And Masonic oaths pledge its members to some of the most unlawful and unchristian things:

1. To conceal each other's crimes.
2. To deliver each other from difficulty, whether right or wrong.
3. To unduly favor Masonry in political actions and in business matters.
4. Its members are sworn to retaliate and persecute unto death the violators of Masonic obligations.

5. Freemasonry knows no mercy, and swears its candidates to avenge violations of Masonic obligations unto death.

6. Its oaths are profane, taking the Name of God in vain.

7. The penalties of these oaths are barbarous, even savage.

8. Its teachings are false and profane.

9. Its designs are partial and selfish.

10. Its ceremonies are a mixture of puerility and profanity.

11. Its religion is false.

12. It professes to save men on other conditions than those revealed in the Gospel of Christ.

13. It is wholly an enormous falsehood.

14. It is a swindle, obtaining money from its members under false pretenses.

15. It refuses all examination, and veils itself under a mantle of oath-bound secrecy.

16. It is a virtual conspiracy against both Church and State.

Some Fair Conclusions

No one, therefore, has ever undertaken to defend Freemasonry as judged by the above. Freema-

sons themselves do not pretend that their institution as revealed in reliable books, and by some of their own testimony, is compatible with Christianity. So it must follow that,

First, the Christian Church should have no fellowship with Freemasonry; and those who adhere intelligently and determinedly to such an institution have no right to be in the Christian Church. We pronounce this judgment sorrowfully, but solemnly.

Second, should the question be asked, "What shall be done with the great number of professed Christians who are Freemasons?" I answer, *let them have nothing more to do with it*. Let it be distinctly pressed upon their consciences that all Masons, above the first two Degrees, have solemnly sworn to conceal each other's crimes, murder and treason alone excepted; and that all above the sixth Degree have sworn to espouse each other's cause, and to deliver them from any difficulty, whether right or wrong.

Third, if they have taken those Degrees where they have sworn to persecute unto death those who violate their Masonic obligations, let them be asked whether they really intend to do any such thing? Let them be distinctly asked whether they intend to aid and abet the administration and taking of these oaths? Or if they still intend to countenance the false and hypocritical teachings of Masonry? Or if they mean to countenance the profanity of their ceremonies, and the partiality of their sworn practice? If so, surely they should not be allowed their places in the Christian Church.

Fourth, can a man who has taken, and still adheres to the Master's oath to conceal any secret crime of a brother of that Degree, murder and treason excepted, be a safe man with whom to entrust as a witness, as a juror, or with any office connected with the administration of justice?

Fifth, can a man who has taken, and still adheres to, the oath of the Royal Arch Mason be trusted to public office? He swears to espouse the cause of a companion of his Degree when involved in any difficulty, so far as to extricate him, whether he be right or wrong. He swears to conceal his crimes, MURDER AND TREASON NOT EXCEPTED. Is a man bound by such an oath to be trusted with office? Ought he to be accepted as a witness or a juror when another Freemason is a party in the case? Ought he to be trusted with the office of Judge, or Justice of the Peace, or as a Sheriff, Constable, Marshall or any other office?

What Is Your Answer

I appeal to your conscience in the sight of God, for an honest answer to these three questions:

1. Is any man who is under a most solemn oath to kill all who violate any part of Masonic oaths, a fit person to be at large among men?

2. Ought Freemasons of this stamp to be fellowshiped in the Christian Church?

3. Do you believe that the sins of Masonic oaths are forgiven only to those who repent? And that we do not repent of those sins to which we still adhere? And that adherence makes us also partakers

of other men's sins?

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